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REQUEST FOR STATUS

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, six months have passed since Applicants have received notice that *ex parte* prosecution on the above-noted case was suspended due to a potential interference. This notice was delivered via a communication mailed October 17, 2003.

Applicants request that the Patent and Trademark Office insert below the status information requested and return this letter. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for the Patent and Trademark Office records.

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